

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraphs [0062] and [0063] with the following amended paragraphs, and add an additional paragraph immediately thereafter:

[0062] Fig. 2 is a diagram of a typical prior art method for processing e-mail; ~~and~~

[0063] Fig. 3 is a diagram of a method for processing e-mail, in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention; and

Fig. 4 is a flow chart illustrating a method for selectively saving e-mail attachments, in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace paragraph [0072] with the following amended paragraph:

[0072] Reference is made to Fig. 4, which is a flow chart illustrating a method for selectively saving e-mail attachments, in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention. Typical prior art e-mail programs running on users' home computers automatically save attachments in the sent items folder together with the e-mail messages with which they were sent. At the expense of often substantial amounts of disk space, this feature serves the sometimes-useful function of allowing a user to review e-mail she has sent and, if desired, open and interact with any attached file. Some mail servers which offer free e-mail services, such as Hotmail.com, do not offer users the ability to save attachments with sent messages, relying instead on careful users to keep track themselves of their attached files. In a preferred embodiment of the present invention, a user writes an e-mail message and attaches a file thereto, at a generate e-mail step 100. At a save attachment designation step 102, the user is enabled to designate, at the time of writing or sending an e-mail message, whether a file attached thereto should be saved on the user's computer in the sent items folder with the e-mail message, or whether only the e-mail message should be saved. If the user chooses not to save the attached file with the e-mail message, the e-mail message is saved without the attachment on the computer of the sender, typically in the sent items folder, at a save without attachment step 104. Preferably, if the user chooses not to save the attached file with the e-mail message, then the name of the attached file and/or other identifying information is saved with the

message in the sent items folder. On the other hand, if the user chooses to save the attached file with the e-mail message, the message is saved with the attachment on the computer of the sender, typically in the sent items folder, at a save with attachment step 106. In this manner, the user is enabled to save only those attachments which she believes might be useful at a later date, and to avoid saving attachments which she believes will not be useful. It will be appreciated that these embodiments can operate in conjunction with or separately from the embodiments of the present invention described hereinabove, in which the user designates which recipients should receive a given attachment.